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ABSTRACT

Students who did not meet the minimal admissions standards of the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, were enrolled conditionally in the summer quarter of 1971. For these 67 students, the requirement for completion of at least 12 hours in their first quarter at the university, with a grade-point average of at least 1.00 in order to continue in the university, was changed to the completion of any number of hours with a GPA of at least 1.00. This study addresses the academic program and achievement level of the students in the experimental program through the first quarter and as of winter quarter 1974, two and one-half years later. Thirty-three percent of the group that otherwise would not have met the criteria were allowed to continue work at the university. This experimental approach apparently did not result in a large number of the group taking less than a full load of 12 hours for the summer or six hours per summer half-term. It did result in students repeating a course the second half of the summer that they did not successfully complete during the first half. (Author/LBH)

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# A REPORT ON AN EXPERIMENTAL PROGRAM IN CONDITIONAL ADMISSIONS

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A REPORT ON AN EXPERIMENTAL PROGRAM IN CONDITIONAL ADMISSIONS

In the summer quarter of 1971 a total of 67 students was admitted conditionally to The University of Tennessee, Knoxville. The requirements for conditional admission are as follows:

> Must be Tennessee resident; requirements as for in-state freshmen except fails to meet either grade point average or ACT score requirement noted above. May not enter in Fall Quarter. Must complete at least 12 hours in first quarter at University with grade point average at least 1.00 to be eligible to continue (1974/1975 General Catalog/ Knoxville, p. 25).

The regularly admitted student from in-state is required to have at least a 2.25 high school grade point average or and ACT composite score of at least 17.

An experimental program was undertaken for these 67 students to more closely assess the requirements for conditional admissions. The requirement for completion of at least 12 hours for the summer quarter with a GPA of at least 1.00 in order to continue in the University was changed to the completion of any number of hours with a GPA of at least 1.00. The Dean of Admissions and Records, UTK, requested that a report be generated from the resulting records of these people.

Academic Progress of the Conditional Admissions

As presented in Table 1, 31 students successfully completed 12 hours of work with a 1.00 GPA or better while seven attempted 12 hours but were unable to attain the necessary 1.00. Of those whose records show 11 hours or less completed, 22 were successful and 7 unsuccessful in

obtaining the necessary 1.00 GPA. It is interesting to note, however, that of these 29 students, only four enrolled for the entire summer and took less than six hours per term. The remaining 25 attempted the full 12-hour load.

The group in which we were most interested for this study, then, included the 22 (33 percent) who successfully completed 11 hours or less with at least a 1.00 GPA. This group would not have been allowed to continue under the regular terms of the conditional admission. We will refer to this group as the Successful Experimental Conditional Admissions Group.

Table 2 contains information about the academic record for each of the 22 students in the Successful Experimental Conditional Admissions Group for the summer quarter of 1971. Course enrollment and the grades received by this group are presented in Table 3. Table 4 presents the cumulative academic record for each of the 22 students. Table 5 contains the cumulative academic record for the 31 students who successfully completed 12 hours or more with at least a 1.00 GPA for the summer quarter of 1971.

## Discussion

As a result of this experimental condition for admissions, 33 percent of the group that otherwise would not have met the criteria were allowed to continue work at the University. This experimental approach did not apparently result in a large number of the group taking less than a full load of 12 hours for the summer or six hours per summer half-term. It did result in students repeating a course the second half of the

summer which they did not successfully complete the first half. English 1110 and Math 1110 included successful completions the second half of summer term following unsuccessful attempts the first half.

Nine of the 22 students in the Successful Experimental Conditional Admissions Group were enrolled winter quarter 1974. Of these nine students, seven had enrolled regularly through each academic quarter or through three of the four quarters yearly. The range of the number of hours completed by these seven students was from 34 to 93; the range of their cumulative GPA's was from 1.56 to 2.83.

The only comparison group readily available was the one which included the 31 students who successfully completed 12 hours or more with at least a 1.00 GPA. Of these 31 students, 12 (39 percent) were enrolled winter quarter 1974. The range of the number of hours completed by these 12 was from 33 to 127 and their cumulative GPA's ranged from 1.45 to 2.55. The academic records of the experimental group show only two students having a cumulative GPA higher than 2.00 and both of these were enrolled winter quarter 1974. For the comparative group (the regular conditional admissions), 11 students had a cumulative GPA greater than 2.00 and eight of these were enrolled winter quarter 1974.

Table 1

Conditional Admissions for Summer 1971
The University of Tennessee, Knoxville

| Group | Total | Number Enrolled After Summer 1971 | Number Enrolled Winter Quarter 1974 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Successfully completed ≥ 12 hours | 31 | 31 | 13 |
| Successfully completed ≤ 11 hours | 22 | 19 | 9 |
| Attempted ≥ 12 hours | (8) | | |
| Enrolled in ≥ 12 hours but either repeated a course, failed a course, or a combination of the above | (10) | | |
| Enrolled in and completed 6 hours in one of the summer terms | (1) | | |
| Enrolled in and completed ≤ 6 hours for each of the summer terms | (2) | | |
| Unsuccessfully completed ≥ 12 hours | 7 | 2[a] | 1 |
| Unsuccessfully completed ≤ 11 hours | 7 | 3[a] | 1 |
| Enrolled in ≥ 12 hours but repeated a course, failed a course, or a combination of the above | (6) | | |
| Enrolled in ≤ 11 hours | (1) | | |
| TOTAL | 67 | 55 | 24 |

Note: To be successful, a student must obtain a 1.00 GPA.

[a]These students transferred, raised their GPA, and transferred back to UTK.

Source: Office of Institutional Research based on transcripts from the Office of Admissions and Records.

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Table 2

The Summer 1971 Academic Records of the Successful Experimental Conditional Admissions Group The University of Tennessee, Knoxville

| Student and College | Grade Point Average | First Summer Term | | | | Second Summer Term | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | Hours Completed | Hours Failed | Hours Repeated | Hours Withdrawn | Hours Completed | Hours Failed | Hours Repeated |
| 1 B.A. | 2.33 | 3 | | | | 6 | | 3 |
| 2 B.A. | 2.00 | 6 | | | | 0 | | |
| 2 H.E. | 2.00 | 6 | | | | 0 | | |
| 4 H.E. | 1.33 | 1[b] | 6 | | | 6 | | |
| 5 L.A. | 2.00 | 3 | | | | 6 | | |
| 6 B.A. | 1.33 | 3 | 3 | | | 3 | 3 | |
| 7 H.E. | 3.00 | 1[b] | | | | 3 | | |
| 8 Ed. | 1.33 | 3 | 3 | | | 3 | | |
| 9 Ed. | 1.00 | 3 | 3 | | | 0 | | |
| 10 B.A. | 1.20 | 3 | 4 | | | 3 | 4 | |
| 11 Ed. | 2.00 | 3 | 3 | | | 6 | | |
| 12 B.A. | 2.00 | 0 | 6 | | | 6 | | |
| 13 B.A. | 2.73 | 7 | | | | 4 | | |
| 14 L.A. | 1.67 | 3 | 3 | | | 6 | | |
| 15 Comm. | 1.00 | 3 | 3 | | 3 | 0 | | |
| 16 Ed. | 2.33 | 3 | 3 | | | 6 | | |
| 17 Ed. | 1.67 | 6 | | | | 3 | | |
| 18 B.A. | 2.00 | 3 | 3 | | | 3 | | |
| 19 Ed. | 2.00 | 6[c] | | | | | | |
| 20 L.A. | 1.00 | 3 | | | | 0 | | |
| 21 B.A. | 1.45 | 3 | 4 | | | 4 | | |
| 22 L.A. | 1.00 | 6 | | | | | 3 | |

[a]Students admitted conditionally who obtained a 1.00 GPA for however many hours they attempted.

[b]Pass/fail courses.

[c]Full-term courses.

Table 2

The Summer 1971 Academic Records of the Successful
Experimental Conditional Admissions Group
The University of Tennessee, Knoxville

| ent ege | Grade Point Average | First Summer Term | | | | Second Summer Term | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | Hours Completed | Hours Failed | Hours Repeated | Hours Withdrawn | Hours Completed | Hours Failed | Hours Repeated | Hours Withdrawn |
| .A. | 2.33 | 3 | | | | 6 | | 3 | 3 |
| .A. | 2.00 | 6 | | | | 0 | | | 6 |
| .E. | 2.00 | 6 | | | | 0 | | | |
| .E. | 1.33 | 1[b] | 6 | | | 6 | | | 6 |
| .A. | 2.00 | 3 | | | | 6 | | | |
| .A. | 1.33 | 3 | 3 | | | 3 | 3 | | 3 |
| .E. | 3.00 | 1[b] | | | | 3 | | | |
| d. | 1.33 | 3 | 3 | | | 3 | | | 3 |
| d. | 1.00 | 3 | 3 | | | 0 | | | 6 |
| .A. | 1.20 | 3 | 4 | | | 3 | 4 | | 4 |
| d. | 2.00 | 3 | 3 | | | 6 | | | 3 |
| .A. | 2.00 | 0 | 6 | | | 6 | | | 6 |
| .A. | 2.73 | 7 | | | | 4 | | | 3 |
| .A. | 1.67 | 3 | 3 | | | 6 | | | 3 |
| om. | 1.00 | 3 | 3 | | 3 | 0 | | | 6 |
| d. | 2.33 | 3 | 3 | | | 6 | | | 6 |
| d. | 1.67 | 6 | | | | 3 | | | 3 |
| .A. | 2.00 | 3 | 3 | | | 3 | | | 6 |
| d. | 2.00 | 6[c] | | | | | | | |
| .A. | 1.00 | 3 | | | | 0 | | | |
| .A. | 1.45 | 3 | 4 | | | 4 | | | 3 |
| .A. | 1.00 | 6 | | | | | 3 | | 3 |

[a]Students admitted conditionally who obtained a 1.00 GPA for however many hours they attempted.

[b]Pass/fail courses.

[c]Full-term courses.

Table 3

Course Enrollment and Grades Received
Successful Experimental Conditional Admissions[a]
Summer 1971
The University of Tennessee, Knoxville

| Course | First Summer Term | | | | | | | | Second Summer Term | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Number Enrolled | A | B | C | D | F | P | W | Number Enrolled | A | B | C | D | F |
| English 1110 | 16 | | | 7 | 1 | 8 | | | 7 | | 3 | 3 | 1 | |
| English 1120 | | | | | | | | | 12 | | | 1 | 1 | |
| Math 1110 | 4 | | 1 | | 1 | 2 | | | 2 | 1 | 1 | | | |
| Math 1120 | | | | | | | | | 4 | | | | | |
| Math 2110 | 2 | | | 1 | 1 | | | | | | | | | |
| Math 2120 | | | | | | | | | 2 | | | 1 | | |
| Philosophy 1110 | 1 | | | 1 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Philosophy 1120 | | | | | | | | | 1 | | | 1 | | |
| Psychology 2110 | 4 | | | 3 | 1 | | | | 2 | | 1 | 1 | | |
| Psychology 2120 | | | | | | | | | 3 | | | | | |
| Psychology 3450 | | | | | | | | | 1 | | | | | |
| Home Ec. 1010 | 2 | | | | | | 2 | | | | | | | |
| Home Mgt. 1120 | | | | | | | | | 1 | | | 1 | | |
| Phys. Ed. 1265 | | | | | | | | | 1 | 1 | | | | |
| Speech 1110 (Full-Term) | 1 | | | 1 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Art 1110 | 1 | | | 1 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Art 1130 | | | | | | | | | 1 | | | 1 | | |
| History 2210 | 2 | | | | | 2 | | | | | | | | |
| History 2220 | | | | | | | | | 2 | | | | | |
| History 1210 | 1 | | | | | | | 1 | | | | | | |
| Geography 1710 | | | | | | | | | 1 | | | 1 | | |
| Geography 2710 | 2 | | | 2 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Geography 2720 | 1 | | | 1 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Geography 2730 | | | | | | | | | 2 | | | | | 2 |
| | | | | | | | | | 1 | | | 1 | | |

Table 3

Course Enrollment and Grades Received
Successful Experimental Conditional Admissions[a]
Summer 1971
The University of Tennessee, Knoxville

| | First Summer Term | | | | | | | | Second Summer Term | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Number Enrolled | A | B | C | D | F | P | W | Number Enrolled | A | B | C | D | F | P | W |
| | 16 | | | 7 | 1 | 8 | | | 7 | | 3 | 3 | 1 | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | 12 | | | 1 | 1 | | | 10 |
| | 4 | | 1 | | 1 | 2 | | | 2 | 1 | 1 | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | 4 | | | | | | | 4 |
| | 2 | | | 1 | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | 2 | | | 1 | | | | 1 |
| 10 | 1 | | | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 20 | | | | | | | | | 1 | | | 1 | | | | |
| 10 | 4 | | | 3 | 1 | | | | 2 | | 1 | 1 | | | | |
| 20 | | | | | | | | | 3 | | | | | | | 3 |
| 50 | | | | | | | | | 1 | | | | | | | 1 |
| | 2 | | | | | | 2 | | | | | | | | | |
| 0 | | | | | | | | | 1 | | | 1 | | | | |
| 5 | | | | | | | | | 1 | 1 | | | | | | |
| Full-Term) | 1 | | | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | 1 | | | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | 1 | | | 1 | | | | |
| | 2 | | | | | 2 | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | 2 | | | | | | | 2 |
| | 1 | | | | | | | 1 | | | | | | | | |
| 0 | | | | | | | | | 1 | | | 1 | | | | |
| 0 | 2 | | | 2 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 0 | 1 | | | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 0 | | | | | | | | | 2 | | | | | 2 | | |
| | | | | | | | | | 1 | | | 1 | | | | |

Table 3 (continued)

| Course | First Summer Term | | | | | | | | Second Summer Term | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Number Enrolled | A | B | C | D | F | P | W | Number Enrolled | A | B | C | D | F | P |
| Geology 1110 | 2 | | | | | 2 | | | 1 | | | | | 1 | |
| Geology 1120 | | | | | | | | | 1 | | | | | | |
| Sociology 2110 | 3 | | | 1 | 1 | 1 | | | | | | | | | |
| Sociology 2120 | | | | | | | | | 2 | | | 1 | | | |
| Sociology 2130 | | | | | | | | | 1 | | | | | | |
| Physics 1410 | 1 | | | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Physics 1420 | | | | | | | | | 1 | 1 | | | | | |

[a]Students admitted conditionally who obtained a 1.00 GPA for however many hours they atte

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Table 3 (continued)

| First Summer Term | | | | | | | | Second Summer Term | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Number Enrolled | A | B | C | D | F | P | W | Number Enrolled | A | B | C | D | F | P | W |
| 2 | | | | | 2 | | | 1 | | | | | 1 | | |
| | | | | | | | | 1 | | | | | | | 1 |
| 3 | | | 1 | 1 | 1 | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | 2 | | | 1 | | | | 1 |
| | | | | | | | | 1 | | | | | | | 1 |
| 1 | | | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | 1 | 1 | | | | | | |

ts admitted conditionally who obtained a 1.00 GPA for however many hours they attempted.

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Table 4

Additional Academic Information for
Successful Experimental Conditional Admissions[a]
The University of Tennessee, Knoxville
as of Winter Quarter 1974

| | Enrolled College | Transferred to Another College | | Cum. Hrs. Attempted | Cum. Hrs. Completed | Cum. GPA | Last Quarter Enrolled |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | B.A. | L.A. | F '72 | 75.0 | 56.0 | 1.27 | Sp '73 |
| 2 | B.A. | L.A. | F '73 | 56.0 | 53.0 | 1.91 | W '74 |
| 3 | H.E. | | | 77.0 | 70.0 | 1.75 | F '73 |
| 4 | H.E. | | | 58.0 | 45.0 | 1.72 | W '74 |
| 5 | L.A. | | | 99.0 | 86.0 | 1.94 | W '74 |
| 6 | B.A. | | | 22.0 | 13.0 | 1.00 | W '72 |
| 7 | H.E. | | | 59.0 | 59.0 | 2.83 | W '74 |
| 8 | Ed. | | | 83.0 | 73.0 | 1.76 | W '74 |
| 9 | Ed. | | | 18.0 | 9.0 | 1.00 | W '72 |
| 10 | B.A. | | | 48.0 | 34.0 | 1.56 | W '74 |
| 11 | Ed. | | | 84.0 | 68.0 | 1.60 | W '74 |
| 12 | B.A. | Ed. | Sp '72 | 42.0 | 22.0 | 1.19 | F '72 |
| 13 | B.A. | | | 39.0 | 27.0 | 1.36 | Sp '72 |
| 14 | L.A. | | | 42.0 | 27.0 | 1.14 | Sp '72 |
| 15 | Comm. | | | 16.0 | 3.0 | .38 | Sp '72 |
| 16 | Ed. | | | 22.0 | 16.0 | 1.41 | F '71 |
| 17 | Ed. | | | 99.0 | 93.0 | 2.05 | W '74 |
| 18 | B.A. | | | 63.0 | 57.0 | 1.68 | W '73 |
| 19 | Ed. | | | 66.0 | 56.0 | 1.77 | W '74 |
| 20 | L.A. | | | 3.0 | 3.0 | 1.00 | Su '71 |
| 21 | B.A. | | | 11.0 | 7.0 | 1.45 | Su '71 |
| 22 | L.A. | | | 9.0 | 6.0 | 1.00 | Su '71 |

[a]Students admitted conditionally who obtained a 1.00 GPA for however many hours they attempted.

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Table 5

Additional Academic Information for Students
Meeting Regular Conditional Admissions Criteria of Success

| Enrolled College | Transferred to Another College | Cum. Hrs. Attempted | Cum. Hrs. Completed | Cum. GPA | Last Quarter Enrolled |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| B.A. | | 82.0 | 61.0 | 1.45 | W '74 |
| B.A. | | 24.0 | 12.0 | .88 | F '71 |
| B.A. | Ed. W '72 | 31.0 | 31.0 | 2.23 | Sp '72 |
| L.A. | | 82.0 | 82.0 | 2.40 | W '74 |
| B.A. | | 107.0 | 104.0 | 1.94 | W '74 |
| Educ. | | 66.0 | 57.0 | 1.35 | W '73 |
| B.A. | | 42.0 | 39.0 | 1.48 | Sp '72 |
| B.A. | | 86.0 | 80.0 | 1.78 | W '74 |
| B.A. | | 43.0 | 37.0 | 1.42 | Sp '72 |
| L.A. | | 33.0 | 22.0 | 1.61 | Sp '72 |
| H.Ec. | | 38.0 | 34.0 | 1.45 | W '72 |
| B.A. | | 120.0 | 120.0 | 2.55 | W '74 |
| B.A. | | 86.0 | 77.0 | 1.85 | F '73[a] |
| Ag. | Unclassified Su '73 | 36.0 | 33.0 | 2.11 | W '74 |
| B.A. | L.A. W '72 | 76.0 | 57.0 | 1.76 | Sp '73 |
| Ed. | L.A. F '71 | 127.0 | 127.0 | 2.20 | W '74 |
| Ed. | H.Ec. F '71 | 72.0 | 69.0 | 2.08 | W '73 |
| B.A. | | 60.0 | 48.0 | 1.68 | W '74 |
| B.A. | Engr. Sp '73 | 96.0 | 96.0 | 1.89 | W '74 |
| Ed. | Nurs. W '73 | 96.0 | 87.0 | 2.01 | W '74 |
| B.A. | | 50.0 | 44.0 | 1.50 | F '72 |
| L.A. | | 15.0 | 15.0 | 1.40 | F '71 |
| Ed. | | 23.0 | 23.0 | 1.78 | W '72 |
| Ed. | B.A. W '72 | 93.0 | 86.0 | 2.15 | W '73 |
| L.A. | Ed. F '72 | 84.0 | 69.0 | 1.67 | Su '73 |
| B.A. | Ed. W '73 | 103.0 | 103.0 | 2.33 | W '74 |
| B.A. | | 88.0 | 83.0 | 2.15 | W '74 |
| B.A. | | 59.0 | 53.0 | 1.58 | Sp '73 |
| B.A. | | 39.0 | 33.0 | 1.79 | W '72 |
| Ed. | | 21.0 | 9.0 | .71 | W '72 |
| Ed. | | 35.0 | 32.0 | 2.29 | W '72 |

[a]Credits transferred from UTN for Su '72 and W '74 but not yet evaluated.

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